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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes new FIG. 1 as required by the Examiner.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

New Sheet (1 pages)

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 and cancelled claim 14. A substitute specification accompanies this submission. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because the specification allegedly refers to the claims. Applicants wish to point out that the reference to claim 1 in the text of the specification as originally filed, e.g., at page 5, line 7, was deleted by earlier amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that the Specification no longer refers to the claims. Accordingly, Applicants request that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner also objected to the disclosure because the symbol “□”, which appears throughout the specification and in the claims, should be replaced with a variable to avoid confusion. In this regard, Applicants have amended the specification and the claims to replace the symbol “□” with the variable “γ” (gamma). The Examiner has also required that the same claim symbol “□” be defined, and that claim 14 be cancelled. As shown above, Applicants have amended the claims as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that these objections be withdrawn.

Drawings

According to the Examiner, the subject matter of this application admits of illustration by drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. The Examiner has required a drawing that

shows "the multilayer piezoelectric component comprising ceramic material layers with a plurality of internal electrodes." (Office Action of January 3, 2008 at page 2). Applicant submit with this amendment a drawing sheet (i.e., FIG. 1), which shows a multilayer piezoelectric as required by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's conclusion that claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the above objections. Applicants agree that the limitations identified by the Examiner are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the allowable independent claims are distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated by the Examiner, which are sufficient for allowance of the claims. Applicants do not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowable claims, that the limitations excluded by the Examiner are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations are necessary for patentability of the allowable claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as

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an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Please charge any additional fees, not already covered by check, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14219-118US1

Respectfully submitted,

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